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To The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Patent Application 10/808,230 for "STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS FORMED USING A SYSTEM FOR RECYCLING WET CONCRETE AND USES THEREOF"; From (Provisional Patent Application 60/535,450; Filed: January 8, 2004); Filed: March 23, 2004; Inventor: Erik Straub.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

- 1. Election/Response to the Restriction Requirement dated 20 September 2007.
- 2. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

Please charge any unanticipated fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3391 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached.)

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 18, 2007, one copy of the above-referenced documents were transmitted by Facsimile and 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.- c/o Primary Examiner Michael Safavi, Art Unit 3637, at Fax # 571-273-8300, with confirmation copy by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail.



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: STRAUB, ERIK K.

Appln. No. 10/808,230

Group Art Unit: 3637

Filed: March 23, 2004

Examiner: M. Safavi

For: STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS FORMED USING A SYSTEM FOR RECYCLING

WET CONCRETE AND USES THEREOF

## **ELECTION/RESPONSE**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated 20 September 2007, Applicant elects as follows.

As to the first Group of Species, Applicant provisionally elects Species I (FIG. 2), the claims readable thereon including claims 1-2 and 4-15. This election is with traverse. The present invention is a plank formed in accordance with a particular recycling method that uses a casting bed. The plank is preferably equipped with one or more lifting handles, and wire mesh or steel rebar reinforcement. The various different types of handles in the cited FIGs. may be sub-species, but the invention is the plank with any generic lifting handle and so the sub-species are not mutually exclusive. The Examiner has not made a prima facie case that the cited "species" are mutually exclusive and so this election is made with traverse. Applicant provisionally elects Species I (FIG. 2), acknowledges that claim 1 is generic, and contends that all of claims 1-2, 4-15 are generic in this regard.

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As to the second Group of Species, Applicant provisionally elects Species II (Rebar), the claims readable thereon including claims 1-15. This election is with traverse. The present invention is a plank formed in accordance with a particular recycling method that uses a casting bed. The plank is preferably equipped with one or more lifting handles, and wire mesh or steel rebar reinforcement. The claims do not distinguish the invention based on the type of reinforcement, and so rebar versus mesh are not mutually exclusive species. The Examiner has not made a prima facie case that the cited "species" are mutually exclusive and so this election is made with traverse. Applicant provisionally elects Species II (Rebar), and contends that all of claims 1-15 are generic in this regard.

As to the fourth Group of Species, Applicant provisionally elects Species IV (pavement shoring plank), the claims readable thereon including claims 11 and 13. This election is with traverse. The present invention is a plank formed in accordance with a particular recycling method that uses a casting bed. The plank may be used for various purposes, but the invention is the plank with either and so the types of planks are not mutually exclusive. The Examiner has not made a prima facie case that the cited "species" are mutually exclusive and so this election is made with traverse. Applicant provisionally elects Species IV (pavement shoring plank), acknowledges that claim 1 is generic, and contends that all of claims 1-8, 11 and 13 are generic in this regard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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